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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
617 North Third Street, 8th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: **Hearing Application**
14,600' Sand, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A
Planulina Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A
SOUTH GRAND CHENIERE FIELD
Cameron Parish, Louisiana

Applicant: Bison Oil & Gas GP, LLC
Our File: 4096-22847

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, Application is hereby made on behalf of **Bison Oil & Gas GP**, for a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of one or more orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the 14,600' Sand, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A and the Planulina Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A, **SOUTH GRAND CHENIERE FIELD**, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

14,600' SAND, RESERVOIR A

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 242 acres for the 14,600' Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 14,600' Sand RA SUA, South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 14,600' Sand, Reservoir A, in the South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana;

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3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

4. To designate a unit well and a unit operator for the 14,600' Sand RA SUA; and

5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The 14,600' Sand, in the South Grand Cheniere Field, was established by and fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 548-Y effective on and after July 24, 1991, as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 14,618 feet and 14,812 feet (electric log measurements) in the Norcen Explorer, Inc.—M. O. Miller Well No. 1, located in Section 17, Township 15 South, Range 5 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

PLANULINA ZONE

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 250 acres for the Planulina Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the Planulina Zone RA SUA, South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;

2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the aforesaid revised unit;

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed revised unit, with each tract sharing in production from the revised unit on a surface acreage basis of participation;

4. To designate a unit well and a unit operator for the Planulina Zone RA SUA; and

5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Planulina Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the electric log depths

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of 15,000 feet and 15,830 feet in the Louisiana Land & Exploration—McCall, et al Well No. 1, located in Section 42, Township 15 South, Range 5 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a Pre-Application Conference to discuss the proposed application was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at the offices of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, L.L.P., located at Suite 4200, 400 East Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is the list of names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference. The conference was opened by the undersigned who set forth the purpose and rules relating to the conference. Mr. Harold "Chip" LeBlanc of LeBlanc Geological Services presented the plan on behalf of the applicant and explained the bases of the units being proposed. After Mr. LeBlanc's presentation, the undersigned and Mr. LeBlanc answered questions from the audience.

The undersigned then called upon the audience to present any counterplans. No one in the audience objected to or proposed a counterplan regarding the proposed 14,600' Sand, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A. Also, no one in the audience objected to or proposed a counterplan regarding the proposed definition of the Planulina Zone, Reservoir A. Thereafter, Mr. Paul Perret requested that the record reflect that, his client, the Boulet Family L.L.C., fully supported the units proposed by the Applicant. Then, Mr. David Sturlese, representing the Doland family, who own property to the west of the boundary of the proposed unit for the Planulina Zone, presented a counterplan for the proposed unit for the Planulina Zone. Mr. Sturlese's proposed unit differed from the Applicant's proposed unit in that it would shift the unit to the west and include a significant portion of the Doland property in the proposed unit that would result in a proposed unit consisting of 413 acres. Thereafter Mr. Sturlese answered questions from the audience. Then, Mr. Charley Whipp, representing Betty Smith Nunez, who owns property within the Applicant's proposed unit and to the north and south of the boundary of the proposed unit for the Planulina Zone, presented a counterplan for the proposed unit for the Planulina Zone. Mr. Whipp's proposed unit differed from the Applicant's proposed unit in that it would shift the unit to the west and more to the north and south which would increase his client's interest in the proposed unit for the Planulina Zone. Mr. Whipp's counterplan would result in a proposed unit consisting of 350 acres. Thereafter Mr. Whipp answered questions from the audience. There being no other counterplans, the undersigned informed the audience that the Applicant would take under consideration the various counterplans but, would be immediately file this Application. There being no further questions or discussion, the undersigned adjourned the conference.

It is anticipated that there will be one or more counterplans presented at the hearing relating solely to the location and size of the proposed unit for the Planulina Zone. Upon receipt of the Legal Notice in the above-referenced matter, the said Legal Notice will be posted, published and mailed in

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accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana.

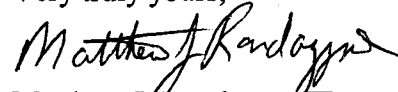
Enclosed and made a part hereof are plats outlining the proposed 14,600' Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, and the Planulina Zone, RA SUA, South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom this Pre-Application Notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a copy of the list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this Pre-Application Notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from Mr. Harold "Chip" LeBlanc, LeBlanc Geological Services, Inc, 3500 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 405, Metairie, La, 70002, telephone (504) 828-8700.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the Applicant in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

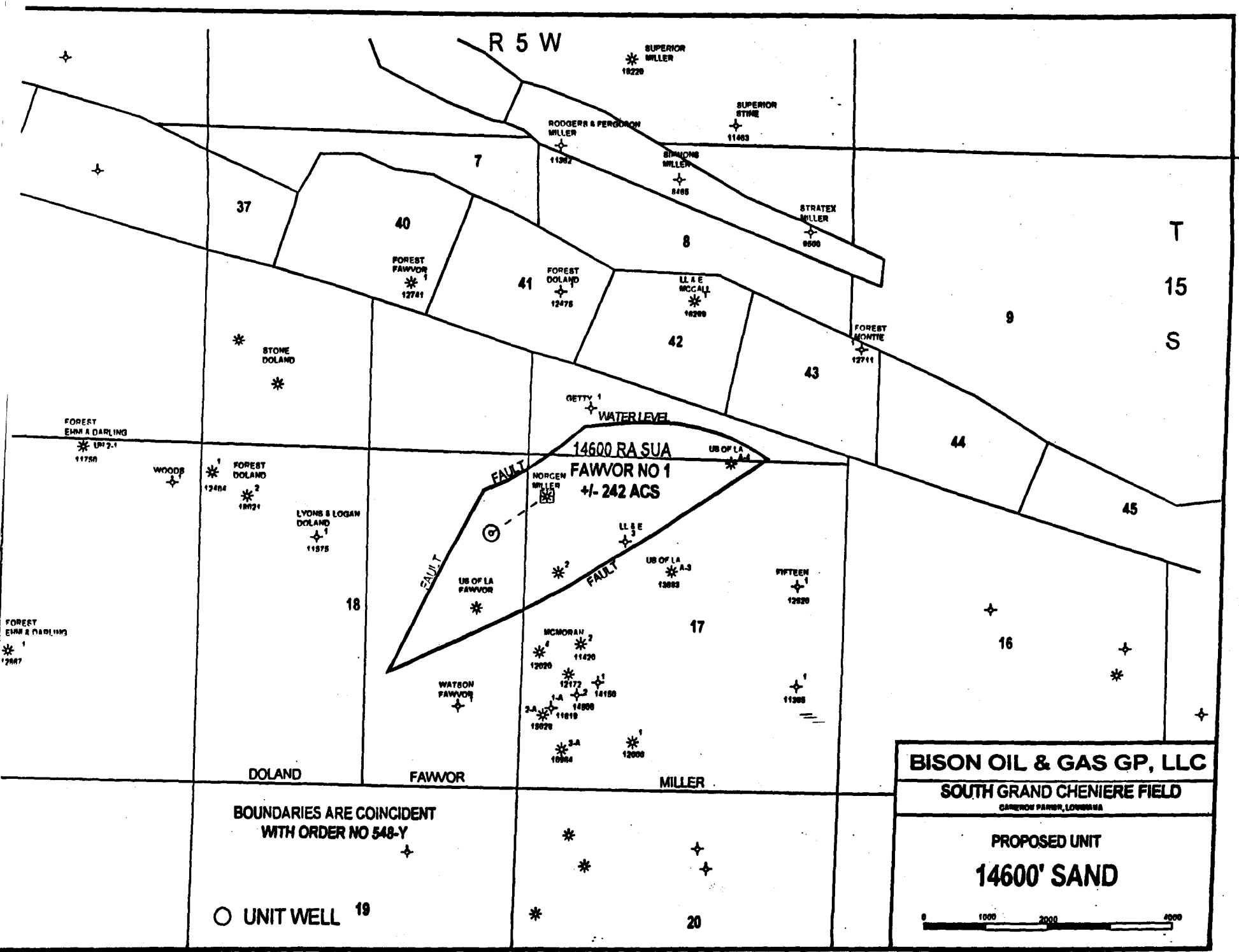

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(Enclosures)

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Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation, Lafayette District
- cc: (with plats and conference attendance list only)
All Interested Owners, Interested Parties
and Represented Parties

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BISON OIL & GAS GP, LLC

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PROPOSED UNIT

14600' SAND



